

TOWN OF CASCO
Town Meeting Minutes
June 14th & 15th, 2016
Fiscal Year 2017

Article 1. Jason Moen was chosen and sworn in to serve as moderator and preside at said meeting. Thomas Mulkern was chosen and sworn in to serve as deputy moderator and preside at said meeting if necessary. Sandra Fredrick was chosen and sworn in to serve as deputy moderator and preside at said meeting if necessary.

Article 2. The results of the June 14, 2016 election of Town Officers were as follows:

Selectperson:	Votes:
Mary-Vienessa Fernandes	105
Thomas H. Peaslee	87
 School Board:	
M. Stanley Buchanan	127
 Transfer Station Council:	
Jerome Poulin	131
 Open Space Commission (write-in votes only):	
Frank Kantor	5

The results of the June 14, 2016 State of Maine elections were announced.

Holly Hancock thanked the many volunteers in the Town of Casco and awarded Spirit of America Foundation Tributes honoring volunteerism to the Casco Alliance Church Food Pantry and the Casco Village Church Food Pantry in recognition of valuable contributions to area residents in the fight to prevent hunger.

Article 3. There was no action to be taken under this article.

Article 4. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$598,579.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$300,000.00 for a total of \$898,579.00 for **Administrative Services** for the ensuing year.

Article 5. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$69,500.00 for a total of \$69,500.00 for **Social Services** for the ensuing year.

Article 6. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$99,455.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$13,500.00 for a total of \$112,955.00 for **Recreation, Parks & Cemeteries, Conservation Commission and Open Space** for the ensuing year.

Article 7. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$504,276.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$130,450.00 for a total of \$634,726.00 for **Public Safety** for the ensuing year.

Deputy moderator Thomas Mulkern presides while moderator and Fire Chief Jason Moen participates in the floor debate.

The deputy moderator calls for a vote.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$504,276.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$130,450.00 for a total of \$634,726.00 for **Public Safety** for the ensuing year.

Moderator Jason Moen returns to preside.

Article 8. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$222,500.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$17,500.00 for a total of \$240,000.00 for **Recycling, Solid Waste and Sanitation** for the ensuing year.

Article 9. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$159,265.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$10,000.00 for a total of \$169,265.00 for **Unclassified Accounts** for the ensuing year.

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend Article 9 to reduce the appropriation from municipal revenues by \$1,500.00 due to funds incorrectly included in the budget for Article 9.

After considerable debate, the moderator calls for a vote on Article 9 as amended.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$159,265.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$8,500.00 for a total of \$167,765.00 for **Unclassified Accounts** for the ensuing year for Article 9 as amended.

It was moved, seconded and voted for a procedural change to fully read and address Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 as a block for discussion before voting.

Article 10. It was moved, seconded and voted to apply supplemental taxes and surplus to **Abatements** for the ensuing year.

Article 11. *Financial Statement Applicable to Article 11:* The issuance of bonds by the Town of Casco is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Casco as of the date of the Town Meeting.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$0
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$0
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$0
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$600,000
Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued If Article 11 Is Approved By Voters	\$2,500,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$281,111
Total Additional Bonds and Estimated Interest If Approved By Voters	\$2,781,111

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bonds

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

/s/ **David P. Morton**

David P. Morton, Treasurer, Town of Casco

After considerable debate on Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14, Article 11 was moved and seconded to approve an expenditure of up to \$2,500,000 for costs of engineering and reconstruction of the Pleasant Lake dam and costs of reconstruction, improvement and paving of public roads in the Town, with such amount to be raised by a general obligation bond borrowing of up to \$2,500,000, hereby authorized, with the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to be issued with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officers shall determine. (Total estimated debt service of \$2,781,111 of which principal is \$2,500,000 and estimated interest at 2.00% over 10 years is \$281,111.)

After a close vote on Article 11, the moderator calls for a hand count.

Article 11 passes by a hand count of 60 in favor and 36 opposed.

Article 12. The Article is moot because Article 11 passes.

Article 13. The Article is moot because Article 11 passes.

Article 14. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$138,100.00 and appropriate from excise taxes \$610,000.00, and appropriate from state road funds \$45,000.00 for a total of \$793,100.00 for **Roads** for the ensuing year.

Article 15. The moderator reads the article and the Finance Committee recommendation as it appears in the warrant.

Town Manager David Morton states that the amount of \$2,565,000 to raise and appropriate in Article 15 is a misprint and that it should be \$65,000. Town Manager David Morton states that Article 15 can be moved at \$65,000 instead of \$2,565,000.

It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for a total of \$65,000 for **Capital Improvements** for the ensuing year.

Article 16. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$124,500.00 for a total of \$124,500.00 for **Debt Service** for the ensuing year.

Town Manager David Morton states that because the new Town Office project that Article 16 was proposed to pay for will be rolled into the larger bond with road improvements, the Town will not be making this payment in the current budget year. Town Manager David Morton states that the amount of \$124,500 can be reduced to \$24,500, which will cover interest costs.

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend Article 16 to change the amount to raise or appropriate from \$124,500 to \$24,500.

It was moved, seconded and voted to raise or appropriate \$24,500 for a total of \$24,500 for **Debt Service** for the ensuing year for Article 16 as amended.

Article 17. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the continued plowing and sanding of certain private roads for which the town has obtained public easements and which meet the criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 10, 2015, or any subsequent criteria or standards, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to discontinue the plowing of certain private roads that no longer meet criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 10, 2015, or any subsequent criteria or standards, or where the public easement has been withdrawn or denied.

Article 18. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deed for the property.

It was moved that the Town of Casco should have nothing to do with determining ownership of property and should have no claim to anyone's land. The motion was not seconded.

The moderator calls for a vote on Article 18.

A vote was taken and Article 18 passes.

It was moved, seconded and voted to address Articles 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 as a group.

Articles 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 pass as follows:

- Article 19.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes.
- Article 20.** It was moved, seconded and voted to set two semi-annual payments for when taxes are due and payable and fix a rate of interest to be paid on unpaid taxes after that date. The first payment due October 5, 2016 or 45 days after commitment, whichever date is later, and the second payment due on April 5, 2017. Interest due on unpaid balances after due dates at the maximum allowed by law (7% A.P.R.).
- Article 21.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the town, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations and other revenue on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, so long as those conditions do not require the expenditure of matching funds by the town in excess of approved budgets, and to appropriate and expend grant funds or such other donations and other revenues for authorized purposes, as the Selectboard deems in the best interest of the town during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- Article 22.** It was moved, seconded and voted to accept state grants and funds for which the town of Casco is eligible, including municipal revenue sharing, local road assistance, state aid to education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief), public library state aid per capita, civil emergency funds, snowmobile registration money, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veteran's exemption reimbursement and other grants or funds, and gifts to the town without conditions.
- Article 23.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize unexpended balances for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to be carried forward to the 2016-2017 fiscal year at the discretion of the Selectboard and within the existing budget line items providing that the respective total departmental budgets are not overspent and the overall total budget is not overspent.

Article 24. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, which may be given to the town during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Article 25. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5,912.00 for a total of \$5,912.00 for a **Harbor Master** for the ensuing year.

After considerable debate and a close vote, the moderator calls for a hand count.

Article 25 passes by a hand count of 48 in favor to 25 opposed.

Article 26. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$936.00 for a total of \$936.00 for **Life Flight** services for the ensuing year.

Article 27. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for a total of \$5,000.00 for the **Veterans Committee** for the ensuing year.

Town Manager David Morton stated that the Veterans Committee created a beautiful monument in honor of veterans in the Village Green park inscribed with the names of a number of veterans.

Rick Thorpe thanked the community for its involvement, stated that the monument was largely funded by private donations, and spoke eloquently on behalf of veterans and the monument.

Article 28. *Financial Statement Applicable to Article 28:* The issuance of bonds by the Town of Casco is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Casco as of the date of the Town Meeting.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$0
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$0
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$0
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$600,000*

*Note: If Article 11, 12 or 13 on this Warrant is approved by this Town Meeting, then the principal amount of Bonds authorized but not yet issued would be increased by the additional amount so approved.

Total Additional Bonds to Be Issued If Article 28 Is Approved by Voters	\$
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Estimate of Potential New Interest on	\$
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Such Additional Bonds

Total Additional Bonds and Estimated Interest

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If Approved by

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When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

/s/ David P. Morton

David P. Morton, Treasurer, Town of Casco

It was moved and seconded to approve an expenditure of up to \$440,000.00 for costs of **acquisition of property located off Meadow Road with frontage on Parker Pond**, with such amount to be raised by a general obligation bond borrowing of up to \$440,000.00, hereby authorized, with the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to be issued with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officers shall determine.

It was moved and seconded amend Article 28 to include that the land cannot be developed unless for Town purposes and to reduce the bond by \$100,000 and take \$100,000 from Open Space.

After a close vote on the amendment, the moderator calls for a hand count.

The amendment passes by a hand count of 45 in favor to 26 opposed.

After considerable debate and a close vote on Article 28 as amended, the moderator calls for a hand count.

Article 28 as amended passes by a hand count of 50 in favor and 36 opposed.

Article 29. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Joint Solid Waste Management Agreement with the Town of Naples regarding the ownership and operation of the existing Transfer Station and Bulky Waste Facility located in Casco, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Moderator Jason Moen as Fire Chief thanked the Town for its support for Fire and Rescue and reminds everyone of Casco Days.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Robert C. Tooker, Administrative Secretary